

**REMARKS**

The Examiner required restriction of one of the following inventions:

**Group I:** including claims 1-5, 10-12, and 18-19, drawn to a metal ion containing polymer; or

**Group II:** including claims 6-9, 13-17, and 20, drawn to a method of making a metal ion containing polymer.

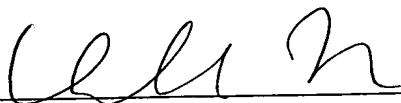
Applicant elects Group II, including claims 6-9, 13-17, and 20, without traverse.

For all of the above stated reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding restriction/election requirement and favorable allowance of all claims in the instant application are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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